

## **MONITORING AND DATA EXCHANGE PROCEDURE FOR A PERIPHERAL DATA STORAGE UNIT**

### **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

A procedure for operating an external data storage unit comprising at least one stationary computer unit and one external data storage unit connectable to the computer unit via a port and a data connection. In the stationary computer unit, an operating program substantially continuously monitors possible ports for a data connection with an external data storage unit and, simultaneously, in case of a data connection via a port with an external data storage unit, monitors whether a pulse generator on the external data storage unit connected to the data connection has generated a voltage pulse. The abstract of the disclosure is submitted herewith as required by 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b). As stated in 37 C.F.R. §1.72(b): A brief abstract of the technical disclosure in the specification must commence on a separate sheet, preferably following the claims, under the heading "Abstract of the Disclosure." The purpose of the abstract is to enable the Patent and Trademark Office and the public generally to determine quickly from a cursory inspection the nature and gist of the technical disclosure. The abstract shall not be used for interpreting the scope of the claims. Therefore, any statements made relating to the abstract are not intended to limit the claims in any manner and should not be interpreted as limiting the claims in any manner.